

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Pugh**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Public School Construction - Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget
4 submission for certain fiscal years a certain amount of State support to the
5 Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to be used for new public school
6 construction in Baltimore City; and generally relating to funding for new public
7 school construction in Baltimore City.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - Education
10 Section 5-301.2
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

13 **Preamble**

14 WHEREAS, The average age of a public school building in Baltimore City is 46
15 and one-half years old; and

16 WHEREAS, The newest school building in Baltimore City is older than the
17 oldest school building in Howard County; and

18 WHEREAS, Many of the school buildings that children in Baltimore City are
19 asked to attend resemble prisons; and

20 WHEREAS, During summer school sessions many of the city school buildings
21 must be shut down early due to excessive heat since the buildings do not have air
22 conditioning; and

23 WHEREAS, Environment plays a large role in increasing the willingness and
24 desire of children to learn; and

25 WHEREAS, Many of the children in the Baltimore City Public School System
26 continue to suffer from the remnants of lead which was present in many of the city's
27 public school buildings; and

1 WHEREAS, To continue the growth of Baltimore City we must pay attention to
2 the infrastructure of the city public school system and begin to build a strong
3 structural system; now, therefore,

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article - Education**

7 5-301.2.

8 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2017, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE
9 \$100,000,000 IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD
10 OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS TO BE USED FOR NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
11 IN BALTIMORE CITY.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2006.